

Remarks

None of the claims has been amended.

1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 14, 16 and 18 to 2 are rejected as allegedly obvious over US 2005/0085497 to Ahmad *et al.* ("Ahmad") in view of US 2004/0067995 to Wong *et al.* ("Wong") for the reasons asserted on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

Without addressing the merits of the Examiner's rejection, Applicant submits that Ahmad does not qualify as prior art to the subject application because Ahmad has an earliest effective filing date of September 25, 2003 (the filing date of US Provisional Application No. 60/505,893 as claimed by Ahmad), while the subject application is a national stage entry of PCT/SE2004/000417, which claims priority to GB 0306615.6 which has a filing date of March 22, 2003. Based at least on its appearance in the image file wrapper of the subject application as shown in the PAIR database, a certified copy of this priority application was provided to the U.S. Patent Office. Applicant submits that the claims under examination find full support in GB 0306615.6. Therefore, since March 22, 2003 (the effective filing date of the subject application) is earlier in time than September 25, 2003 (the earliest claimed priority filing date of Ahmad), Ahmad does not qualify as prior art to the subject application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.


2. Conclusion

The foregoing remarks are intended to convince the Examiner of the patentability of the pending claims. A favorable action is awaited. Should the Examiner find that further discussion would be of value, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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